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The Appeal Brief filed on <u>09 March 2004</u> is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file IN TRIPLICATE a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following three **TIME PERIODS**: (1) **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer; (2) **TWO MONTHS** from the date of the notice of appeal; or (3) within the period for reply to the action from which this appeal was taken. **EXTENSIONS OF THESE TIME PERIODS MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.** 

1.	Ш		ading or in the proper order.
2.			e brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, pending or cancelled, or does not identify the pealed claims (37 CFR 1.192(c)(3)).
3.			least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a tement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 1.192(c)(4)).
4.		The and	e brief does not contain a concise explanation of the claimed invention, referring to the specification by page d line number and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 1.192(c)(5)).
5.	$\boxtimes$	Th	e brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review (37 CFR 1.192(c)(6)).
6.		Αs	single ground of rejection has been applied to two or more claims in this application, and
	(a)		the brief omits the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet presents arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
	(b)	-	the brief includes the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet does not present arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
7.		Th	e brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each issue on appeal (37 CFR 1.192(c)(8)).
8.		Th	e brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 1.192(c)(9)).
9.	$\boxtimes$	Otl	her (including any explanation in support of the above items):
		<u>The</u>	e Appeal Brief is defective due to a lack of concise statement of the 35 USC 112, 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph rejection regarding the rase "seed point and sum-set membership" in the "Issues" section.

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